

Minutes

Judicial Education Committee Meeting

July 18, 2003-- 1:00 p.m.

National City Center, Room 1068

1. **Committee Members present:** Earl Penrod, Ted Boehm, Doug Morton, Ted Todd, Greg Donat, Chris Burnham, Mike Witte
2. **Staff present:** Jane Seigel, Cathy Springer, Vicki Davis, and Anne Jordan
3. **Minutes:** The minutes from the May meeting were adopted as submitted.
4. **Subcommittee Reports:**
 - a. Judicial College: Earl Penrod reported that the subcommittee approved a form for candidates to submit for their writing requirement of the Master's Program, to be distributed at the September conference. Judge Penrod distributed the new Judicial College Credit form, used most recently at the annual conference for Juvenile Judges.
 - b. Technology. Chris Burnham reported that Cathy, Jane and he met with Kurt Snyder regarding the JTAC plans for the September conference. Judge Burnham suggested that at next year's annual conference, there should be several technology sessions to teach judges how to use the CMS and the new portal technology.
 - c. New Judicial Officer: Mike Witte reported that although the committee did not meet, they plan to start reviewing the Mentor Judge Program.
5. **Review of recent programs.**
 - a. Graduate Program for Judges, June 1-6. Jane Seigel reported that the Graduate program was a success.
 - b. Juvenile Court Judges Annual Meeting, June 19-20. Anne Jordan reported that this year marked the 100th anniversary of the juvenile court in Indiana, and the program was well received.
6. **Judicial Conference Annual Meeting:**
 - a. The tentative agenda for the annual meeting was distributed.
 - b. The committee discussed the reception on Thursday evening – the goal being to recognize judges who have served as faculty and to encourage others to teach.
 - c. Staff indicated that the “Best Practices” courses will be offered as Masters’ level courses, but the committee decided against designating them as “special master’s courses.” Special Master’s course(s) will be offered in April.
 - d. Future objectives: The committee discussed the aspects of the annual conference that are most important to them: opportunity for small group discussions; time for socialization and networking; the recognition given

for various accomplishments. It was discussed that we need to include more sessions focusing on specializations.

7. Upcoming 2003 Programs.

- a. Domestic Relations Workshop, Nov. 13-14, is being held at the Marriott North. The faculty will be Don Gordon from the Center for Divorce Education, who will discuss the effects of divorce on children.
 - b. Winter Conference, December 12, is being held at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. Ed Latessa will discuss alternative dispositions in sentencing.
8. Judicial education and the future? What is good: the substance of the education—often judges are the ‘resident expert’ in their county on legal issues; reduces anxiety and provides reassurance of how a judge is doing; affirmation of why judges chose this work; collegiality and practical advice available informally; need for balance between new judge and experienced judge programs.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10. The next meeting will be on Friday, October 24, 1:00-3:30 p.m. at the National City Center/Hyatt Regency. Subcommittees will meet in the morning.

Respectfully submitted,

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